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FM AMCONSUL DJIBOUTI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 54  
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
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PARIS FOR MELONE

EO: 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR PDEV APUB FT  
SUBJ: OUR INFORMATION PROBLEMS

REF: DJIBOUTI 0014, 2 MAY 77

1. THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE HAS THE WELL-ENGRAINED HABIT OF EX-  
CHANGING ALL INFORMATION BY CLASSIFIED MESSAGES, WHETHER REPORTS  
BE THE DAILY HEADLINES OR THE LATEST GOSSIP. WHILE THE CIRCUM-  
STANCES OF OUR CURRENT OPERATIONS IN DJIBOUTI HAVE SPARED US THE  
USUAL QUANTITIES OF THE LATTER, THE LACK OF THE FORMER IS A DEF-  
INATE HANDICAP. THE RECENT FLAP OVER WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN  
A LETTER TO SENATOR JAVITS ABOUT COUNTRIES HARBORING INTERNA-  
TIONAL TERRORISTS IS A STARTLING CASE IN POINT. OTHER THAN TWO  
TELEGRAMS DATING FROM A PERIOD PRECEDING THE AFFAIR RECEIVED  
FROM ADDIS BY NON-PRO COURIER POUCH (SEE SEPTTEL ON THIS SUBJECT),  
MY ONLY KNOWLEDGE OF THE AFFAIR IS WHAT I HEARD EXPLAINED RATHER  
SUPERFICIALLY OVER VOA. BECAUSE ONE OF THE GROUPS EVIDENTLY  
CITED IN THE REPORT IS NOW APPARENTLY FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE  
LOCAL DJIBOUTI POLITICAL SCENE (THE "PAGE IS TURNED" ACCORDING  
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TO A WELL-PLACED LOCAL OBSERVER), I WOULD LIKE A RUN-DOWN OF THE  
PUBLIC ASPECTS OF THE AFFAIR IN ORDER TO RESPOND INTELLIGENTLY  
IN THE EVENT THE MATTER IS RAISED.

2. THERE IS ALMOST NO INTERNATIONAL PRESS AVAILABLE IN DJIBOUTI,  
OTHER THAN "LE MONDE" AND "L'EXPRESS". NEWSWEEK COMES IN ONCE OR  
TWICE A MONTH, AND IS THE ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS SOURCE HERE.

WE ORDERED SEVERAL PUBLICATIONS FOR DIRECT AIRMAIL DELIVERY THROUGH AMEMBASSY PARIS ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO BUT HAVE YET TO SEE ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE ORDERS WERE PLACED. EMBASSY PARIS IS REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO THIS ORDER (SEE REFTEL).

3. ALL ADDRESSEES, INCLUDING ADDIS, MOGADISCIO AND PARIS, ARE REQUESTED TO LOOK BACK AND CLIP ARTICLES ABOUT THE MAY 8 REFERENDUM/ELECTION APPEARING IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES AND TO KEEP US POSTED HENCEFORTH ABOUT NEWS ARTICLES AND OTHER UNCLASSIFIED MATTERS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST AND CONCERN TO US HERE. CLARKE

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